

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of May 3, 2010 (Office Action). The response is timely filed within the 3 month shortened statutory period, and, as such, no fee is believed due. However, the Office is expressly authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 14-1437.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-2, 4-8, and 28-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, it was asserted that Claims 1, 28, and 35 contain the trademark/trade name zSeries, which is used to identify/describe computer; the identification/description is indefinite because a trademark or trade name does not identify or describe the goods associated with the trademark or trade name.

Although Applicants disagree, Applicants have changed the term “zSeries computer” to “mainframe computer” to facilitate prosecution. Entry of the amendment is requested because it is well-know that zSeries computers are mainframe computers and thus the amendment does not raise new issues that require further search or consideration.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 4-8, 28, and 30-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0052935 to Paxhia, *et al.* (hereinafter Paxhia) in view of non-patent literature reference “IBM Server iSeries System Handbook,” September 2002, pp. 1-59 to Powers, *et al.* (hereinafter Powers). Claims 2 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Paxhia in view of Powers, and in further view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0055863 to Spiegel, *et al.* (hereinafter Spiegel).

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections and thus have not amended the claims to overcome the rejections.

Aspects of Applicants' Invention

It may be helpful to reiterate certain aspects of Applicants' invention prior to addressing the cited references. One embodiment of the invention, as typified by Claim 1, is a method for configuring Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) settings.

The method can include providing a mainframe computer having only a non-graphical user interface for manually manipulating TCP/IP configuration flat files; providing a graphical user interface for configuring the TCP/IP settings, the graphical user interface including at least one control; integrating the graphical user interface into the non-graphical user interface; accessing data contained within at least one configuration flat file containing the TCP/IP settings for the computer; displaying the TCP/IP settings based upon the accessed data within the graphical user interface; altering one or more of the displayed TCP/IP settings using the at least one control in the graphical user interface; and updating the at least one configuration flat file according to the altered TCP/IP settings. See, e.g., Specification, paragraphs [0005] and [0013] to [0015].

The Claims Define Over The Prior Art

Paxhia discloses a system and method for serving HTML pages to web browsers for the purpose of administration and configuration. A plurality of instances of WWW servers are provided, with one such instance including a configuration file which is restricted in usage and not alterable by way of any HTML configuration or administration forms. This plurality of instances of internet connection servers are managed by way of a web browser. The web browser displays and interacts with a plurality of HTML forms

and corresponding common gateway interface binary programs, which are provided selectively for creating and deleting instances of servers, associating a configuration file with a server instance, changing server instance start up parameters, and starting, ending, and restarting server instances. See the Abstract.

Clearly, Paxhia concerns an administration server that is isolated from other servers (thus not adversely affected by the loading of the other servers) and enables the management of multiple copies or instances of servers. This has nothing to do with the subject matter of the present invention, which concerns providing a graphical user interface (GUI) for mainframe computers (such as zSeries computers) that only have a non-graphical user interface and integrating the GUI into the non-graphical user interface, in order to facilitate configuring the TCP/IP settings for the computers.

In other words, in Paxhia an administration server with a GUI is provided for managing multiple copies or instances of other server. In contrast, in the present invention no administration server is provided; rather, a GUI is provided for each mainframe computer that only has a non-graphical user interface and the GUI is integrated into the non-GUI for configuring the TCP/IP settings for the mainframe computer. It is noted that the GUI according to the present invention does not configure or administrate other computers or servers. In contrast, in Paxhia, the web browser in one server 362 is used to configure the setting on another server 371 (see Fig. 3).

Regarding Powers, first, it is noted that the iSeries computers are not mainframe computers. Second, the iSeries Navigator described in Powers is not integrated into the non-graphical user interface. It is noted that an iSeries Navigator is a graphical interface for Windows clients and runs on a PC. An iSeries Navigator has to be installed on a PC before it can be used. Therefore, an iSeries Navigator is not integrated into the non-graphical user interface as in the present invention.

Accordingly, the cited references, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest each and every element of Claims 1, 28, and 35. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 1, 28, and 35 define over the prior art. Furthermore, as each of the remaining claims depends from Claims 1 or 28 while reciting additional features, Applicants further respectfully submit that the remaining claims likewise define over the prior art.

Applicants thus respectfully request that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned if it is believed that the above restriction election is incomplete or in any way improper. Applicants also request that the Examiner call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application to an allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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